TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1108.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Saturday, the 17th December, 1932/3rd Dhanu, 1108.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven thirty of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Supply of electrical energy at concessional rates.

70. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any applications from individuals or companies for the supply of electrical energy in bulk in Trivandrum, at concessional rates, for running a mill or mills;

(*b*) whether they have granted any such application;

(*c*) whether the applicants have bound themselves to any condition as to the minimum consumption of energy; and

(*d*) whether they have fixed the rate per unit and, if so, what?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No, but it is understood that they will be willing to do so.

(*d*) No, the rate to be fixed is under consideration.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With reference to part (*b*), am I to understand that no concessional rates have yet been offered to anybody by the Government?

MR. C. N. SRIRANGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Concession rates have been allowed to one mill-owner at Taikad and there is also another application pending.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Is it a general concession or restricted only to that particular individual?

MR. C. N. SRIRANGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): At present the concessional rate is allowed to him only.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With regard to the future applications, are they to be granted on the basis of any principle?

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MR. C. N. SRIRANGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Each case will be decided on its merits, but of course it will follow a principle.

Results of the V. S. L. C. Examination in 1106 and 1107 in the Kottaram school.

71. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of pupils that appeared for the V. S. L. C. Examination from the Kottaram school in 1106 and 1107; and

(*b*) the number that passed.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 10 and 12 respectively.

(*b*) 6 and none respectively.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), are the Government aware that the results in 1107 were nil because 50 per cent of the teachers are qualified only in Malayalam and not in Tamil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware of that fact. Government have inquired of the Director of Public Instruction to report what circumstance led to this abnormal failure.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a teacher who is neither qualified in Tamil nor qualified in Malayalam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is a G. O. that only people qualified in Tamil can be teachers in Tamil in schools in Tovala and Agastiswaram?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know what the Government mean when they say that they claim notice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Information is not available. It has to be found out whether there is such a G. O.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools, Mr. Gopala Rao, reported that the retention of the Malayalam teacher in the school is ruinous to the Tamil students in the school?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Assessment on paddy lands in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

72. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer to Question No. 436 (145), given at the meeting of the Council held on the 12th August 1932, are the Government aware that, by cultivating paddy lands subject to the maximum assessment of Rs. 35-19-0 per acre in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram, the cultivators get only minus profits?

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